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Dan Glickman, President Motion Picture Association of America 1600 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20006 Via Fax: (202) 293-1299

Dear Mr. Glickman,

I am writing to express my concerns about the MPAA's ratings system.

A reputable study by the Harvard School of Public Health has found that the MPAA's standards on sex and violence in the movies have been getting weaker—to the point where yesterday's R movie is today's PG-13, and yesterday's PG-13 is today's PG.

This month, it has been widely reported that MPAA gave a PG rather than a G rating to the movie Facing the Giants, apparently solely because the movie contained Christian themes. This incident raises the disquieting possibility that MPAA considers exposure to Christian themes more dangerous for children than exposure to gratuitous sex and mindless violence.

I am sure that many of my colleagues share my concern. I would appreciate a prompt reply explaining your thoughts on this matter.

Sincere regards,

cc:

The Honorable Joe Barton The Honorable Fred Upton

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